

### **III. REMARKS**

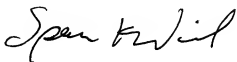
Claims 1, 4-8, 11-15 and 17-20 are pending in this application. By this amendment, claims 1, 8 and 15 have been amended, and claims 2, 3, 9, 10 and 16 have been cancelled. Applicants do not acquiesce in the correctness of the rejections and reserve the right to present specific arguments regarding any rejected claims not specifically addressed. Furthermore, Applicants reserve the right to pursue the full scope of the subject matter of the original claims in a subsequent patent application that claims priority to the instant application. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is requested.

Entry of this Amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116(b) because the Amendment: (a) places the application in condition for allowance as discussed below; (b) does not raise any new issues requiring further search and/or consideration; and (c) places the application in better form for appeal. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment.

In the Office Action, claims 1-2, 4-9, 11-15 and 17-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Soudier (US Publication No. 2002/0193978). However, claims 3, 10 and 16 are indicated as objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but are allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants gratefully appreciate this indication, and have rewritten claims 3, 10 and 16 in independent form including the intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes that anything further is necessary to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Spencer K. Warnick". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Spencer" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Warnick".

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